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Lab Work At MBA Vital Part In School Science Activities

A vital part of the school curriculum, as every one knows, is the school laboratory, conducted by Professor Hackman. It forms an integral part of all three science classes, general science, chemistry, and physics.

The present class schedule is worked out so as to provide both the chemistry and physics class with two periods, one hour and a half, for work. The physics class takes over on Mondays and Wednesdays, while the chemistry class experiments on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This arrangement is a great improvement, for it provides for much more time to do the lab work and prevents rushing, thereby generally improving the efficiency.

The laboratory is well-stocked in chemicals, having recently received an order of two hundred dollars worth of chemicals from Central Scientific Company. This order was put in almost a year ago, but due to wartime shortages and transportation, it has just arrived. However, orders for many more chemicals and a great deal of apparatus has been made, although it is not certain when it will arrive.

The physics class is not as fortunate. Due to wartime restrictions very little physics equipment is being made. Gradually what equipment the school now has is being broken or aging away until it is unusable. For this reason those taking physics are seriously handicapped in lab work. As yet, no order for physics equipment has been placed.

The laboratory itself is often the object of ridicule. Ever so often weird odors start creeping throughout the building, making the other classes insufferable.

Most of all to be considered is the science teacher, Mr. Hackman. A very efficient person, he has had previous teaching experience before coming to Montgomery Bell at Bellevue, Morgan, Centerville, and Carthage. And during the summer vacation he works at Victor Chemical Company, where he gains a great deal of practical experience. He has been at M. B. A. for three years.

Plans are under way for improving the facilities of the lab, but most of them will have to wait, due to the war.

Vocational Lectures Given In Assembly

The students of M. B. A. have been witnessing some very interesting and helpful talks given by Professor Rule during Assembly. These talks are being made to help a student look ahead and prepare for some business or trade he wishes to take up in the future.

Professor Rule said that right now is the time for a student to be getting into his mind what he wants to do in the future, and to be planning to take certain courses in high school and college which will prepare him for the work.

So far Professor Rule has made three talks, two on Engineering and one on Personnel Work. He discussed practically all of the different fields of Engineering and Personnel Work—the type of work each one is; the average amount of money each pays; the courses one must take in high school and college in order to get in a certain field; and the character, personality, and physical qualities one must have.

Professor Rule intends to give more talks on other fields, such as Medicine and Law. He is open for any questions on the things he has discussed, and he is also open for suggestions on what some of the students would like for him to discuss. He said that if he had more time he would like to discuss these fields more fully. Since he hasn't enough time, he stated that more material on his talks may be found in the library.

Due to his generosity and thoughtfulness, Professor Rule has been giving these talks and it was his own idea, too. The students appreciate it very much, and I know these talks will be a great help to everyone.

Refresher Course In Math Given Seniors

A Refresher Math course for the Seniors is being given by Mr. Rule in his Senior classes. Realizing the need for the Seniors to have a review of their mathematics before graduating, Mr. Rule has installed this three-week wartime Math

Navy Radar Course Installed At M. B. A.

It was the privilege recently of members of the Senior class, 17 or over, to consult with a member of the Naval Recruiting Office on the prospects of joining the Navy's Radar. He explained the requirements and general duties of that branch.

The word Radar comes from the abbreviation of radio and detection. It deals with the detection and identification of moving objects by means of radio waves.

In order to lay a groundwork for those boys interested in Radar, a special class is to be organized in mathematics, radio, and electricity. Professor Rule will handle the mathematics and Professor Hackman will handle the science.

Along this same line Professor Rule is giving a refresher math course to those seniors who have just completed their course in solid geometry. This course, designed to cover a period of about two and one half to three weeks, is a review of all math, from simple addition to algebra.

In order to learn more of the fundamentals of radio most of the seniors interested have ordered a correspondence course in radio. It is in the form of a textbook and workbook. The workbook contains thirteen lessons, to be taken at leisure, and after every other lesson there is a comprehensive examination. This examination, given under Mr. Rule's supervision, is graded by him. If at the completion of the course the person taking it has satisfactory grades, he is given a certificate denoting his accomplishment.

New Make-up System Installed In School

A new system of make-up work has been instituted at M. B. A. A student, upon reporting back to school after an absence, is given a card by his teacher which designates the make-up work that the student owes. After completing this work, the student receives an okay by his teacher, and turns the card in to the office. This system provides a very concrete way of making up absence work.

The course includes elementary arithmetic and complicated algebra.

Variety of Sports Planned For Spring Participation

Student Body Hears Account By Navy Men

Last week we were honored to have to speak before us three courageous young Navy men. They were Lt. Jack Foley, Radioman Howard Frost, and Seaman First Class Peter Thompson. All three boys had attended M. B. A. in the past. They had just come back from overseas and Coach asked them to come out and tell us about their experiences.

Lt. Foley and Seaman Thompson had both been in the South Pacific area. Lt. Foley had been in seven major battles and had seven ribbons. They told some very exciting stories, and we all enjoyed them thoroughly.

Radioman Frost, who used to be one of M. B. A.'s outstanding tackles, had been stationed in the Caribbean. His experiences were somewhat different from those of the other two boys, but none the less interesting.

All three boys tried to impress upon us that war is a horrible thing and that we should not be over-anxious to be a part of it. They tried to get across the fact that we would be doing ourselves and our country a service by staying in school and studying our hardest.

Improvements Seen In M. B. A. Cafeteria

For the past year there have been, on the campus of Montgomery Bell, many improvements. On every hand there have been changes, not the least among which is the one seen in the cafeteria.

Time was that there were boys lined three deep to get plate lunch, and often the plate lunch line was tangled up with the ice cream line.

However, all this has been corrected. A rail has been placed around the counter so as to keep a single line, preventing congestion. This rail also prevents cutting in line, which was frequent, and slowed up service. The ice cream line is at a separate end of the counter, so there is no confusion whatsoever.

The Roving Reporter

What do you think of having a Junior-Senior dance.

"I so desire to have a Junior-Senior Prom Dance." — David Smith.

"We definitely should have a Junior-Senior Prom." — Larry Owsley.

I believe a Junior-Senior dance would go over almost as big as the Junior-Senior picnic.

Going by the success of last year's dance, we can and definitely should have a Junior-Senior Prom. — Ed Lowe, Jr.

"We should certainly have a Junior-Senior Prom—one we could well remember." — Herbert Fox.

From the opinions told here it is evident that the students want a Junior-Senior dance. A dance of this type was held last year and although there was not an exceedingly large crowd due to the short planning done, those students and girls at the dance had an excellent time. This year the mistakes that were made last year could be corrected. Invitations would be sent earlier and the dance would receive more publicity.

If you have any other opinions or statements on the dance, the Bell Ringer will be glad to hear from you. It will be your dance; let's make it your dance.

Comes spring and a young man's fancy turns to love. Yes, but this year at M. B. A. the students will be sharing their love life with athletics. There will be three varsity sports for the Intercollegiate League—tennis, golf, and baseball.

M. B. A. promises to have one of the best net teams in the city. With Billy Ferguson, runner-up to the individual title last year, Dan Denny and others of last year's team plus a few newcomers, the Maroons should have one of its best teams in a number of years. Mr. Rule will coach the team and instruct them in some of the arts of the sport which was begun last fall. The team will probably start practice as soon as the courts are ready.

Mr. Sager will coach the golf team. From last year's team there will be Charley Robinson, Buddy Hewitt, Edward McManus, and Bobby Waller. With a quartet like this the Maroons will be hard to handle.

M. B. A. will have a baseball team for the first time in thirteen years. Although the plans for the Nashville Intercollegiate Baseball League have not yet been completed, it is definite that the Maroons will field a team. Mr. Hackman will probably coach the team, as he has had previous experience in baseball.

The non-varsity sports will consist of spring football, intra-mural tennis, softball, badminton, and horseshoes.

Coach Allen will hold his usual spring football practice for about three weeks. All the boys going out for next year's team are expected to take part. The returning first string men are Jack Whiteaker, Joe Casper, Joe Washington, Nardy Elam, and Jimmy Atkinson.

The intra-mural tennis matches will be divided into three groups: grade school, freshman-sophomore, and junior-senior. Mr. Rule will probably have charge of making the schedule and grouping the boys. Each boy will play opponents from his own group but no outsider.

The two new softball diamonds will be pretty busy come spring, because there will be intra-mural softball at the Academy. The school will be divided into two leagues—namely, grade school and high school. Each league will have a number of teams and a winner will be crowned in both.

There will also be intra-murals in another up-and-coming sport, badminton. The game will be played in the gymnasium and the school will be divided as in tennis and softball.

A number of horseshoe pits are being planned and M. B. A. will have intra-murals in the "lazy man's game."

With a program like this, everyone ought to have lots of fun and entertainment this spring.

War Bond Given In Coat of Arms Contest

Last week, Mr. Sager announced in chapel that a \$25.00 War Bond would be given to the student who submitted an idea for Montgomery Bell Academy's coat-of-arms that would be accepted by the Board of Trustees. He urged that all students take an interest in designing such a coat-of-arms, whether they be artistically inclined or otherwise. He stressed the fact that it would be the idea behind the coat-of-arms and not just the drawing itself that would win the prize. The Bell Ringer plans to print a picture of the drawing accepted by the Board of Trustees. We of The Bell Ringer urge your support.

Mrs. Bitzer, English Instructor at Montgomery Bell Academy, Has Outstanding Scholastic Achievements

One of the most talented members of the faculty is Mrs. John A. Bitzer, known to us last year as Miss Mary Helen Simpson, our English teacher. Mrs. Bitzer has had a great deal of both education and experience, and she certainly "knows her stuff." A native Nashvillean, Mrs. Bitzer receives most of her schooling in this city, and has also taught in Nashville previous to her present position at M. B. A.

After graduating from the High School department of Ward-Belmont, Mrs. Bitzer attended Vanderbilt University, where she was one of the most outstanding students in the University. She was awarded the coveted Founders Medal in her Senior year; this honor is awarded to the person in the College or Arts and Sciences who has made the highest grades during their college career. This was certainly a fine piece of work in itself, but it is made more outstanding by the fact that very few girls have been awarded the medal in the past. She was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta social sorority, of the Eta Sigma Phi—a national classical fraternity, the Lotus-Eaters (now the Mortar

Board), and Phi Beta Kappa scholastic fraternity. While in Vanderbilt Mrs. Bitzer also studied at George Peabody College for Teachers, where she took courses

mainly in psychology and statistics.

After completing her B. A. and M. A. degrees at Vanderbilt, both in the field of English, she taught one year at Farmer School, in the Davidson County School System. Then, she took a position at Stephens College, a girls' school in Missouri, where her main work was the study of ability tests, and also making up and giving these tests to the students of the college. This work entailed some study and research at the University of Chicago. After four years' work at Stephens, Mrs. Bitzer returned to Nashville and accepted a position as instructor of English at Montgomery Bell Academy, where she has been for the past two years, and where we hope she will remain for many more.

When questioned as to why she came to teach at M. B. A., she gave the following answer: that she had had a brother who graduated from M. B. A., and who liked it very much; that she preferred to teach in a private school; that she had worked with girls for a number of years, and wanted to try her hand with boys; that she thought the

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ABOUT THE M. B. A. ANNUAL

by Herbert Fox

The Need—

Let us for a few moments turn the pages of the calendar forward. By February, 1965, we shall long since have graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy, and there may come times when we should long to "tread again that ancient track" of high school days. Then the distinct need for some concrete refresher of the details, both important and trivial, that go to make up the school, will make itself felt.

The Supply—

Thus, I believe that, in order to satisfy this need, we ought to take time out to think about what type of year book we want.

First of all, the annual should be a record of the many phases of school experience. Rather than try to describe even a few of our activities, I shall simply list a few nouns which may serve as topics related to our school life: friends, teachers, subjects, athletics, jokes, food, clothes, scenes, disappointments, successes, important ideas, and trivial pastimes.

What we have—

There is no reason why M. B. A. should not have an excellent annual from which one might get an idea of the many especially fine opportunities we have here. Not only do we have many traditions, inasmuch as M. B. A. is the oldest preparatory school in Tennessee; but we receive superior training in character development, scholarship, and athletics. In short, we have everything for living the good life.

What we need: Your Help

An improved annual will be not only a source of pride to each of us, but an excellent advertisement for M. B. A. To have a successful annual, however, requires the backing of each student. Those who went to M. B. A. last year rejoiced in its annual. Small as it was, it made a permanent record of those things they held dear.

Is the cost of an annual too high for those things which we prize? With our support, M. B. A. can have, and will have an annual that is tops.

TRUTHFULNESS AND HONESTY

by Joe Martin

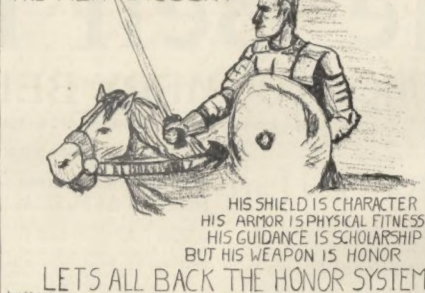
"I cannot tell a lie." These words are somewhat familiar to all of us, but when we connect them with the story of George Washington and the cherry tree, we recognize them at once. From earliest childhood we had been told this story which showed that, due to Washington's truthfulness, he was not punished for chopping down his father's tree. It was used as a basis upon which was built the foundation of truthfulness that was to guide us in later life.

On February 22, George Washington's birthday is celebrated. It is significant for us to think of this particularly at this time when we are trying to institute an honor system at Montgomery Bell Academy.

The cornerstone of the honor system is made up of two basic elements—truthfulness and honesty. To some boys these two words mean much. They signify character and breeding and honor. To others they mean little more than two words written down on a piece of paper. A boy who regards them as such does not care about what others may think of him. He will take an examination and cheat his way through with little thought as to how much such an action degrades himself as well as the school. His honor means little or nothing to him. It is upon these boys that the honor system will have the most effect. The rest of the boys would hardly notice the workings of the system except for the benefaction they themselves and the school receive from it.

It is sometimes harder to tell the truth than to lie out of a thing; in the long run, however, it pays to tell the truth. Perhaps Washington realized this fact when his father questioned him about the cherry tree. All of us should remember it and the principles Washington stood for and try to apply the lessons learned in our life here at school.

THE MBA STUDENT



Class News

Grade Department

Anybody who was in the hall of the main building Tuesday afternoon probably thought that the roof was falling in. All the noise was caused when Gary Dorman fell flat on his face. Anybody who knows Gary's size can tell why there was so much noise. One unidentified source said the clock in the office lost ten minutes on account of the fall.

First Forms can make noises, too. Bill Caldwell is partly responsible for this. He dropped and broke three dishes in the lunchroom. They were in so many pieces that they couldn't be glued back together for future use.

Henry Fitts has been boasting of the nine silver dollars he won on the Dr. I. Q. program. At a press conference he said, "All you need to have is the knowledge that Webster had."

Most of the boys in the Grade Department are in favor of the Honor System and are hoping that it goes into effect soon.

Freshman News

We must congratulate Bill Wade's basketball team on their victories. So far Bill has played and won three games with an almost entire Freshman team. The other teams have either lost both of their games or lost one and won one. I'm no sports reporter, but from here it looks as if Bill has this intramural stuff in the bag.

Larry (graduated from a freshman to an old man) Gates no longer carries his complete wardrobe in his pockets but in an old newspaper bag. Just look and see.

Charles Martin's head is turning out to be as flat in back as that of Billy Rhodes.

Jimmie Hester and J. B. Hibbet are still battling it out for low score. The average of J. B. slightly improved, is about 25. Jimmy's, a little better, is between 15 and 25.

Bob Ezell, Holly Murdock, and George Engell have a little contest going now, which is to see who will be the first to drive the other lad's shoulders out of the smalls of their backs.

Sophomore Class News

Craig Parrish now has the undisputed lead in the absentee list from our illustrious Alma Mater. He always seems to recover by Friday night, though.

Walter (Tyronne) Keith has been having some competition from Bob Pat French, who now uses Krenl for the title of handsomest boy at M. B. A. He says that he is not worried, though.

At a meeting at the last literary society, Robert (Smiley) Haynes was elected vice-president of our renowned class. He is to be assisted by Walter Bearden in the role of secretary.

Who was caught in the boiler room after school by Mr. Sager? They were shoveling coal, no doubt.

If Robert (ten pints on an easy green) Waller does not behave in History Class he will be taken care of by the Sprinklers.

When the guy coined the phrase "smiling from ear to ear" he must have had Tommy McEwen in mind.

Bill (nuttrish) Calton and Billy Carpenter look forward every day to their third period nap.

Junior News

It seems that Bob Lowe is tired of staying home on Saturday and twiddling his thumbs. He got five and a half hours time in one period the other day. If he keeps that up, he and "fifty-three Hours" Amorette will have to bring their beds to Saturday school.

Joe Martin, who is about the dumbest boy in school with only a 94.8 average, always right before a test says, "Chee, boys, I'm going to flunk today." When Joe flunks, the school had just better fold up.

Congratulations to Jimmy Atkinson on giving a different declamation from the one he has been giving for the last three years. Did you wear the old out, Jimmy?

Edward "Fuzzy-top" MacManus must be expecting an early spring this year. The other day he came to school with all his beautiful locks of hair cut off.

George Ruth is getting tired of the desks in the school, for now he keeps his books in the shrubbery tub next to the main building.

See you next month! Keep in the road, but don't run over it.

Senior Class News

All H. E. Cantrell needs now is a parrot. He would make a perfect pirate with that black patch over his right eye. We are now calling him "One-Eye Harvey."

Many boys have been in M. B. A. and there have been many great comies, but Ernest Matthews can win all honors in telling corny jokes. He can come out with some of the driest gags that we Seniors have ever heard. Where do you get them, Ernie?

Bob Whitsitt is now going to try baseball out. We expect his fine build (muscles) to help the team greatly. Thanks, Bob.

James Currey has become very proficient in his drawing. His work is greatly appreciated by the students.

Nelson Andrews had just about won a bottle of wine from Professor Herrbach, but Fess called the bet off. We don't know the reason why.

Where did Buddy Hewitt get his nick name, "Ida Red"?

Royal: "How did you break your leg?"

Smith: "I threw a cigarette in a manhole and stepped on it."

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"Nashville's Finest"

Hoots from the Owl's Nest

The Old Owl has hopes of donning Spring clothes after a long and dreary winter. Proof in the coming signs of Spring is in Travis Smith's arriving at school on time for the past week. Further indications of Spring come from Brownlee Curry's thoughts of love.

One of the striking examples of M. B. A. manhood was demonstrated by the Central cheerleaders in the recent M. B. A.-Central battle. The Central girls engaged in dynamic yells for Al Whitsitt. Bill Ferguson also gathered glory from the East High cheerleaders as they lauded him mightily.

Where is Bob Doster for two hours every afternoon after school, Wednesday night, Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday night, all day Saturday, and all day Sunday? The answer might be found in some of the "squeaks" that have rattled around lately.

It seems that five boys, "Curly" Clay Bailey, Larry "The Body" Owsley, Joe Zaneone, Bob Whitsitt, and Brownlee Curry don't know the difference between eighty minutes and an hour and twenty minutes.

Although unknown to many of the students at M. B. A., we have in our midst a lad whom the Nashville girls deem among the handsomest of men. Walter "Tyronne" Keith is the lucky lad who has drawn the Ohs and Ahs from so many of the local belles.

Who was it that set Tom Benagh's watch back so that his date could be home in time to receive other "visitors"? Ask Boots Lewis.

It seems that the "Peg" of Edward McManus' heart has a crush on Hardy Lavender, of basketball fame.

Bob Whitsitt, Tom Proctor, and Sonny Baker are the first members of the club whose membership requirement is one note from home.

John Bell Keeble, Julian Scruggs, and "Romeo" Parrish, lady-killers extraordinary, have almost done just that. As the result of the romantic enterprise of this trio, some of the local gals are turning into man-haters.

Mushrooms to—
The Ladies' Auxiliary for their fine school support.

Mrs. Peery for being absent from school on February 6, and Mr. Younger for the following day.

Mrs. Allen for the fine meals she serves in the lunchroom.

Mr. Sager for letting the boys pay off time on Friday afternoons.

Mr. Rule for being an all-round good fellow.

Toadstools to—

"Booby" for the dreadful essence which seep out of the lab.

Some of the teachers for never coming to the basketball games.

The lads who track mud into all the buildings.

The boys who have been booing the referees at the basketball games.

And I Quote:

She: Am I the first girl you ever kissed?

He: Come to think of it you do look kind of familiar.

—West Wind.

Said the little calf to the silo, "Is my fodder in there?"

—Cohn Clarion.

Mother (down cellar steps to son whose pants she is mending): "Are you running around down there without your pants on?"

Voice up cellar steps: "No Mam, I am using the gas meter."

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"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

by Ernest Matthews

At a meeting of the Athletic committee of Montgomery Bell Academy held on February 1, the committee decided on a number of improvements to better our athletic program. The committee is composed of Messrs. E. L. Harris, J. Ward, John Bransford, Neil Cargile, and Judge Wade. Also attending the meeting were Coach Allen and Mr. Sager. The members of the committee are members of the Board of Trust who are working with Coach Allen in order that athletics at M. B. A. might improve.

They decided that the tennis courts would be resurfaced and would have new backstops. The surface is to be made of a rubico substance. This improvement is under the leadership of Mr. Bransford. The courts will be ready by April.

The first improvement which the committee agreed on was that the gym should have a new lighting and heating system.

A baseball diamond and two soft-ball diamonds complete with backstops will round out the list of improvements.

Coach Allen was overheard giving his ideas about certain basketball referees. His comments:

"Bowers Chest is my number 1 man. In my opinion he's the best basketball referee in the South. His decisions are seldom questioned and he is a favorite with the fans. "Claude Tankley is another up and coming referee. He has been doing fine work all season and as a reward will referee in the 7th District Tournament."

An odd event took place in the Father Ryan-M. B. A. game. In the first minute of the game Archie Grant fell and dislocated his shoulder and was unable to continue calling the tilt. Hick Duncan, North High mentor, took over and did a very good job of refereeing. One thing puzzles Coach Allen. He can't figure why it took Duncan 45 minutes to dress.

ROBINSON BREAKS RECORDS

Pete Robinson, the tall center of the M. B. A. quintet, has broken three scoring records for M. B. A. Against Springfield the lanky senior scored 22 points, a number which is greater than any other M. B. A. player has scored during a single game. He scored a total of 67 points for one week. This included the tallies of the North, Springfield, Lipscomb, and Peabody tilts. Against North he hit the loops for 18 points; against Springfield, 22; Lipscomb, 14, and Peabody, 13.

He has already broken the record for the number of points tallied per year. At this writing he has 214 points. The record was formerly held by Johnny Hyden who marked 202 in 1938.

These records hold true for the eleven years during Coach Allen's reign.

Thanks to "Flash" McGowan and Billy Burns for doing a swell job of operating the new scoreboard. (Unjoke)

Joke: Why don't you go into a dark room and have your mind developed. (Unjoke)

Attend the basketball tournament and support the "Big Red" on through the finals.

Gene Harris, Nelson Andrews, "Pete" Robinson, Jack Whiteaker, Joe Washington, and a number of other M. B. A. boys enjoyed ice skating at Centennial, Hill Dam and other frozen lakes. P. S. There were no broken bones but there were some bruised hips and other parts of the anatomy.

THREE CHEERS to Mr. Sager, Mr. Rule, Mr. Hackman, and Mr. Younger, for attending most of the basketball games. Come out, you other teachers, and support your team.

The basketball team wishes to express their appreciation to Lipscomb and Springfield for the kind hospitality shown them when the team played in their gyms.

SPORTS

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MBA Approaches Season End With Many Cage Victories

M. B. A. vs. HUME-FOGG
Pos.—MBA (29) H-F (22)
F.—Andrews (4).....Gowen (8)
F.—Whiteaker (6).....Parker (6)
C.—Robinson (11).....Jones (2)
G.—Ferguson (2).....Pappas (2)
G.—Hewitt (6).....Elwell (2)
Subs.—Hume-Fogg, Duncan (2).
After dropping their previous game to West High, the Maroons bounced back into the win column with a 29-22 victory over Hume-Fogg Tech in the latter's gym. The Techsters threw a scare into the Maroons as they jumped off to a commanding 10-4 first-period lead, but with "Pete" Robinson and Buddy Hewitt doing some nifty shooting during the second canto, the M. B. A. quint grabbed a slim 13-12 margin at the half.

The Maroons looked like a new team when they came back onto the floor. They hit for numerous field goals and free throws to over a 22-15 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The Blue Devils again scared the Maroons in the late stages of the game as they pulled to within three points of M. B. A.'s 26, but a field goal and a foul shot proved to be more than Hume-Fogg could take and the game ended in favor of M. B. A.

Gowan was the outstanding offensive star for Tech with 8 points, while Parker was next with 6. M. B. A.'s Charley Robinson was high scorer with 11 points.

HOWARD vs. M. B. A.

The game was started off by the Howard cheerleaders giving a cheer for M. B. A. last Thursday night when the Big Red quintet played the Howard "Greens" on Howard's floor.

In the first quarter of the tilt, the excited spectators witnessed excellent hallplaying in the fancy foot work and deadly accuracy of Ferguson and Andrews, who together chalked up six points. They also saw the fine ball recovery work of Charley Robinson, who along with Jack Whiteaker scored two points, thus making ten points for the Reds. But even with this strong opposition, the Greens still managed to score four points.

Both teams scored three points in the second quarter and the Reds won two out of three scores. In the second half, the Greens came down the floor with a swift counterattack to score twenty points. The outstanding feature of this comeback was the excellent passing ability of the Howard quintet. Andrews struck his head against the floor in the third quarter, knocking himself out for a few seconds. The Howard cheerleaders showed fine sportsmanship by giving him a cheer. During the whole second half, Robinson was so closely guarded by the lanky Tankley that he had little chance to show any of his ball recovering ability. Even with this stiff resistance and hard luck, the Reds scored thirteen points, making the final margin 27 to 24.

M. B. A. vs. CENTRAL

With "Pete" Robinson and Nelson Andrews at the helm the M. B. A. Maroons quelled the Tornado of Central High School by the score of 43-33. A last-period spurge gave the Maroons a victory. The Centralites pushed the Allen coached clan until the fourth quarter when the Maroons broke away. M. B. A. owned a one-point advantage at the half-way mark, the score being 26-25.

The Maroons' late scoring spurge was chiefly to Robinson's fine work under both baskets. The lanky center took very many rebounds and tallied 15 points. Nelson Andrews was next with 10, while Buddy Hewitt hit for 7, Jack Whiteaker 6, and Billy Ferguson 5.

Bobby Northern was high man for the Tornado with 10 points. Pos.—MBA (43) Central (33)
F.—Andrews (10).....Gay (6)
F.—Whiteaker (6).....Northern (10)
C.—Robinson (15).....Holt (6)
G.—Ferguson (5).....McClary (8)
G.—Hewitt (7).....Edmondson (3)

led by Keller Chapman, who hit the loops for 24 points, the Yankees of North Nashville High School downed the M. B. A. Maroons 43-35. The Maroons appeared to be the victors for almost three quarters but North pulled away in the final part of the third period.

M. B. A. led at the half-way mark 16-14, but the 29 points the North lads scored in the last half spelled defeat for the "Big Red." Joe Casey, making his initial start for this season, was very impressive in scoring 9 points.

The top scorer for the M. B. A. team was Charley Robinson, who threw in 18 points. This loss virtually eliminated the Maroon quintet from the Inter-scholastic League title race.

M. B. A. vs. SPRINGFIELD

The M. B. A. Maroons traveled to Springfield to garner their twelfth win of the year in a run-away contest which featured Pete Robinson, who swished the nets for 22 blistering tallies. The final score gave the Big Red quintet a 35-22 edge.

The game started slow, with the M. B. A. five taking a commanding first-quarter lead by virtue of Charley Robinson's neat tricks. Pete also controlled the backboards, which kept the Springfield offensive power at a standstill.

Coming back at the half with an imposing 18-6 lead, the Maroons were never pressed as they swept through the final periods. Hewitt and Jack Whiteaker aided the cause with 4 and 6 points, respectively.

The Springfield Yellow Jackets showed no great offensive power and Peabody guards held them well in check.

The game marked the first time that a Howard Allen quintet has beaten the Boyce Smith Springfield team.

Robinson's 22-point total was the highest individual scoring marked by any M. B. A. player since Howard Allen took over eleven years ago.

M. B. A. vs. LIPSCOMB

M. B. A. registered another cage victory by noosing out the Lipscomb Mustangs in a thrilling 33-30 battle.

This game being played in our home court gave M. B. A. a slight advantage over Lipscomb; however, this didn't seem to hamper Jennings Davis, the Mustang crack scorer, who pitched in 20 points to outscore Pete Robinson, who rang up 13 markers for M. B. A.

The Mustangs started off with a bang and led 8-2 at the end of the first quarter, and were still commanding the lead by a 23-19 margin at the half-time period.

M. B. A. returned to the floor for the third quarter raring to go and scored 11 points to go into the lead 30-29.

With only a few minutes left to play in the last stanza, M. B. A. gained possession of the ball and through the skillful handling of Guards Billy Ferguson and Buddy Hewitt, the game was "frozen" until the whistle.

Jack Whiteaker and Pete Robinson were high scorers for the M. B. A. quint with 11 and 13 points, respectively, while Jennings Davis was tops for the Mustangs with 20.

MBA (33) Lipscomb (30)
F.—Andrews (2).....Davis (20)
F.—Whiteaker (11).....Mason (2)
C.—Robinson (13).....Church (4)
G.—Ferguson (4).....Shirley (3)
G.—Hewitt (2).....Braithwaite (1)
Subs: Lipscomb, Stroop (1).

M. B. A. vs. PEABODY

M. B. A. got their revenge, after going down in defeat 38 to 35 at the hands of the Tigers in the first game of the season, which was played in Peabody's crackbox gym, by trouncing the Peabody lads 32-20.

With Billy Ferguson's ball handling and Charley Robinson making the net jump, the Maroons hung up a revengeful victory over a fighting Peabody team.

Remarkable Record Of M.B.A. Athletes

For the number of years Coach Howard Allen has been at M.B.A., he has coached 111 boys on either the football or basketball teams. Of this 111 boys, 105 are now in the Armed Services. No other coach in the state can boast that 98.5% of his ex-athletes are now "playing for Uncle Sam." Three of the M.B.A. alumni have been killed and one is a prisoner of war.

In the first period Peabody took the lead 5 to 4 via three foul shots and a one-handed shot by Joe Naron. The rest of the first half stayed up and tuck and at the end of the period M. B. A. had a 14-to-13 lead. The third quarter saw M. B. A. hold the Tigers to one point while making four to keep their lead 17 to 14. In the fourth quarter M. B. A. really poured it on. Charley Robinson found his range and put the ball where it counted the most to make the final score 32 to 20 in favor of M. B. A. hardwood.

M. B. A. vs. EAST

Coach Howard Allen's M. B. A. Maroons remained in the race for the second seeded spot in the coming Eighth District Tournament by trouncing the East Eagles to the tune of 47-32 on M. B. A.'s hardwood.

The Academy's two ace forwards, Jack Whiteaker and Nelson Andrews, led a blistering attack on the meshes to give M. B. A. a 14-9 lead at the end of the first frame. In the second canto the same type of play prevailed as M. B. A. again outscored their opponents, and when they roared in stop No. 2 they held a commanding 24-15 lead over the Eagles.

As festivities were resumed the Eagle's zone defense momentarily held M. B. A. in check while they slightly cut the home team's lead. Then the Harding Road gang really turned on the steam, pouring in a volley of baskets as little Billy Ferguson found his "eye" for the shot from "way out." In the final quarter the BIG RED all but blew their opponents off the floor in a torrid point-making drive.

Andrews and Robinson led the scoring with 13 and 12 points, respectively, and Whiteaker followed closely with 10. Much credit for the victory must be attributed to the fine defensive work of Buddy Hewitt, who played grade "A" ball and to Pete Robinson's commendable handling of the rebounds.

Nick Bushnell was the high point man for Coach C. V. Baker's charges, as he garnered 9 points.

M. B. A. vs. WEST

The M. B. A. Maroons literally hewed a victory out of the tight West High semi-slow defense by downing the heretofore mighty Blue Jays by the score of 36-31 on the Maroon's floor.

Behind the accurate shooting of Lawrence and Adeock, the Blues forged ahead quickly and as the first stanza ended they lead the Maroons 10-8. In the second frame West increased their lead with a boring-in offense that netted them 12 tallies. At the half-way mark West's vaunted powerhouse was on the big end of the scoring. Half-time score: West 22, M. B. A. 17.

The third quarter seemed to be as the first two for awhile, but the Maroons immediately went about the task of breaking down West lead. With Ferguson, Hewitt and Robinson blazing away the baskets they reduced the West margin to 29-25, a slim four-point edge. As the fourth session began, M. B. A. knotted the number at 29-24, then forged ahead 31-29 on Robinson's follow-up shot.

With cool precision, M. B. A. battled their talented opponents and the Blues seemed to go "haywire" as the resurgent Reds poured in the baskets that final canto.

Buddy Hewitt, playing the best game of his career, broke the "Westwall" to make numerous close shots. He threw in 13 points and was helped out immensely by Robinson's 9 and Ferguson's 8. Adeock paced Emmett Strickland's boys with 12 tallies.

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Cooties Unsuccessful In Two Cage Games

Howard vs. The Cooties

M. B. A.'s Cooties were out-scored 15 to 11 Thursday night by Howard School's B team in the Howard gym.

During the first quarter, Howard outplayed our team by scoring two points to one, and winning four tosses to our one.

In the second quarter of the game the Reds displayed a fine comeback by snatching eight points through the fine shooting of Atkinson, Martin, and Calton, while their opponents chalked up one.

In the second half, the Greens threw the Cooties for a loss by scoring 12 points, while the Reds scored three.

Cooties vs. East R.O.T.C.

The Cooties were beaten by East's R. O. T. C. team here last Wednesday night to 15.

It seemed as if luck was against the R. O. T. C. boys in the first quarter. They just couldn't hold on to the ball. But our team was red hot, scoring eight points to East's four.

In the second quarter it was a different story, with the R. O. T. C. team outscoring ours by two. The score at the half was 11 to 9, M. B. A.'s favor.

In the second half the R. O. T. C. lads opened a swift offensive and scored seven points. Although they were greatly hampered by this opposition Murdoch and Martin managed to score two points each, making the final tally 16 to 15, East's favor.

M. B. A. vs. HILLSBORO

The Maroon Express had to put on full steam in their tussle against the Hillsboro Burro on Saturday night on the Burro hardwood.

The first quarter found the Burros ahead 8-2 under the steady handing of Roy Slaymaker.

"Bitesy" Billy Ferguson started on his rampage and hit from the 17-foot line to send the Big Red into the lead as the half ended 15-14.

The hair-raising last half saw the score tied 11 times as "Bitesy" Billy continued his point making spree with seven field buckets and three free tosses, to out-run Charlie Embury, the star Burro bouncer, who was credited with six field shots and two free throws.

Just before the whistle blew to end the tussle, Buddy Hewitt tossed in a one-handed shot to knot the score 37-37, sending the two clubs into a bitter overtime period. During this period, again Ferguson came through to make four points, running his total for the night to 19 points and putting the Maroons in the winning column once again as the game ended M. B. A. 45, Hillsboro 42.

Hardy Lavender turned in an excellent record for the night as he tossed in 5 valuable points for the red combine.

Pos.—Hillsboro (42) MBA (45)
F.—Dunn (5).....Andrews (5)
F.—Embry (22).....Whiteaker (1)
C.—Slaymaker (6).....Robinson (6)
G.—Hickman (4).....Ferguson (19)
G.—Seely (3).....Hewitt (4)

For the benefit of some people: the ropes in the gym are for climbing, not for bouncing off referees' heads.

M. B. A. was well represented at the Tennessee's Golden Gloves, Buddy Hewitt, Joe Card, Hardy Lavender, Joe Martin, Bob Matthews and Jack Whiteaker ushered. They said they really enjoyed it.

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JOKES

Mr. Hackman: "Why did you reduce your composition on milk to half a page when I specifically ordered two pages?"
Hooker: "Because I wrote about condensed milk, sir."

A kind-hearted gentleman saw Bobby Walker trying to reach a doorbell. He rang the bell for him, then said, "What now, my little man?"
"Run like blazes," said Bobby.
"That's what I'm going to do."

Mr. Younger: "Now, Knox, find Ireland on the map."
Knox: "Here it is."
Mr. Younger: "Good, and now, Rhodes, who discovered Ireland?"
Rhodes: "Knox did."

Wiggs to Caddie: "If you laugh at me again, I'll knock your block off."
Caddie: "Haw, Haw! You wouldn't know what club to use."

Harris: "What kind of saddle do you want, one with a horn or without?"
Bailey: "Without, I guess. There doesn't seem to be must traffic here."

Mathews: "What did you say this meat is?"
Mrs. Allen: "Spring lamb."
Mathews: "I believe you. I've been chewing on one of the springs for an hour!"

Ruth: "What do you call a man who drives a car?"
Wash: "It all depends on how close he comes to me."

French: "What makes Bud-weiser?"
Templeton: "No, what?"
French: "Send him to school."

Earnest Mathews: "I heard a new one the other day, have I told it to you?"
Tom Proctor: "Is it funny?"
Earnest: "Yes."
Tom: "Then you haven't told me."

Perkins: "Do you know what would make a cigarette lighter?"
McClendon: "No, what would?"
Perkins: "Take the tobacco out of it."

Just Imagine---

Houston Thomas without his white scarf.

Mr. Herrbach not giving time.

Mrs. Bitzer not talking.

Mrs. Peery smiling.

Russell Campbell not getting the better of "Booby" in a scientific discussion.

Joe Martin without a gripe.

Herbie Bates answering a question in class.

Proctor not "browning" up to the teachers.

Coch Allen teaching Latin.

Hester without something to say.

David Smith without a jalopy.

Goodloe and Akers not chasing each other.

Clay Bailey without a rhyme for every occasion.

Andrews using a cuss-word.

Loonie's Hangovers

Since I wasn't tarred and feathered, kicked off the campus, or laughed out of school, and since nobody put arsenic in my ice-cream cup, I guess you will have to endure another column. Besides, there's the space to fill.

Tom Proctor is reported to be running things down at the Banner. Good work, Tom.

We greatly appreciate Fess Rule's talks on professions in the chapel assemblies. (Ed. note: Loonie is certainly lousy with brown this week. About the only interest in professions he ever has is feather-bed testing on the night shift.)

Owen Hines has been seeing a lot of that ticket seller at one of the local theaters.

PROVERBS OF THE WEEK:
The love of man for woman waxes and wanes like the moon, but the love of brother for brother is as eternal as the sands themselves.

Why is it that we have fifty dollars' worth of magazine subscriptions in the library, and yet we can't read them when we want to!

POEM OF THE WEEK:
Me love has flew,
She done me dirt.
I never knew
She was a flirt.
So to those in love
Let I forbid
Least you be dood
Like I been did.
(Ed. note: Loonie ought to know.)

FEBRUARY
Any night now,
It might snow, now.
You don't know, now!
It might, now.
Any night now!

In a recent survey among the more intellectual of the students at M. B. A. I found that the general consensus of opinion in that "Bugs Bunny," "Mickey Mouse," "Donald Duck" and "Tom and Jerry" cartoons would be greatly appreciated in the chapel picture shows.

Orchids to Gene Harris for finally getting a haircut.
Onions to the boys who think it's great sport to cool the chapel before school in the hope of not having school.

Check Edward McManus' noggin. It's a pip.

Joke of the week:
Robinson: If you drink lots of water you won't get stiff in the joints.

Bailly: Yeah, but some joints don't serve water.

See you in the next issue. Don't forget to brush your teeth twice daily.

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With Our Alumni

by Bob Lowe, Jr.

In the last few weeks many of our alumni have been destined for overseas duty. Among them is Lt. Lynn Bramlett, who has landed safely in England with his ship and crew. He is a navigator on a B-17. The family of Billy Weems also received word that Billy, in the U. S. Army, has arrived safely in England.

Others who expect to soon be on their way to foreign soil for their respective duties are Livingfield Moore, U. S. Army; 1st Lt. Miles Fletcher, a liaison pilot in the field artillery; and Jack Gibson, a Navy Air Corps pilot on a Helcat F6F. Jack received his wings in August, 1944, at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Among our alumni who have been in England for some time are Duncan Eve of the Ordnance Department, U. S. Army, and Walter Robinson, Jr., in the Anti-Tank Division of the Field Artillery.

It has been good to welcome home Billy Buck Armstrong, who has been with the Combat Intelligence Department of the Infantry. We understand, however, that he will see his folks for Washington and Lee University to again pick up the old grind of study.

Edgar Derryberry is in the V-12 program at the University of Wisconsin.

The Georgia Tech boys have also been fortunate in being able to mix a little pleasure with their hard work. A group of Nashville girls reported a gay week-end down at Georgia Tech where John Barton and Bill McCabe were among those extending their traditional southern hospitality. The girls report the boys look grand and that they hope to be home February 24 after their mid-term exams are completed.

It was good to welcome Elmer Davies last week-end. He brought a visitor along to share the hospitality for the Davies home. They reported the V12 boys were expecting next week-end to be a gay one in Sevanee, as many of the Nashville belles would be headed that way.

Marion Thomas, Jr. (Dickie to us), is stationed at Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga., where he is receiving cadet training in the Army Air Corps. Dickie has been in the service since December 31, 1943.

Madison Jones is still in our midst. He has just completed a term as President of the S. A. E. Fraternity at Vanderbilt.

George Payne has sent pleasing news to his family. Having just completed his boot training at Great Lakes, George expects to be home this week for a few days before being assigned for further training. John Tipton, another one of our boys from Great Lakes, is home for a week's stay. He, too, has completed boot camp and upon his return to Great Lakes will receive his next training assignment.

Frank Blair was a lucky boy to spend a day or two at home this week. He flew in Monday but was off again Wednesday for more cadet training somewhere in Texas.

Sidney McAllister right now is more fortunate than some of the boys, for he is close enough to home to get into Nashville occasionally. Sidney is a gunner and radio man on a B17, and is stationed at the Dyersburg Army Air Field.

E. W. Cox, an all-Nashville wingback in 1941, is now a flight officer and a bombardier stationed at Lincoln, Nebr.

Nelson Bryan has recently been sent to Clarksville, Ark., where he is taking more training in the Navy Radar School.

Davenport Mosby, U. S. Navy, should have, from his recent experience, plenty of interesting things to tell us. For the past two weeks he has been in and around Luzon.

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